



Miami-Dade Parks May 2006 Calendar of Events

MONDAY, 1

Annual Oscar Thomas Memorial Exhibition

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday thru May 21. Annual Oscar Thomas Memorial People's Art Exhibition is a tribute to the memory of the late, much beloved and highly prolific Miami artist Oscar Thomas whose talent, generosity and artwork made a mark on the Miami art scene.

African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305-638-6771

Chihuly at Fairchild

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$20 for adults; \$10 ages 6-17. Thru May 31. On Thursdays from 6-9 p.m., the glass sculptures and spectacular garden views are brought to life at night with dramatic lighting.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305-667-1651

Mountain Bike Trails

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Deering Historic Tours

10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 444-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668

Dog Park

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Farm Village

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturday and Sunday for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Amusement Center

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-5421

Skyward Kites

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Add the joy of kite flying to your day at the beach. Kites on sale starting at \$5 and staff will help with assembly and give instructions on how to be a master kite flyer. Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305-893-0906

THURSDAY, 4

Nite Hikes

7-9 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a guided hike through the natural areas looking for night critters and enjoy some cool nights outdoors during these spring months. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

FRIDAY, 5

"Thin Line"

7 p.m. Free. Thru Saturday. Inspirational stage play presented by Victory Outreach Church. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305-636-2350

Double Nine Domino League

7-10 p.m. \$60 per team of two. Fridays. League will meet inside the recreation building at Norman & Jean Reach Park, 7901 NW 176 St., 305-823-2414.

"The Glass Menagerie"

8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday; Sunday at 3 p.m., thru May 14. \$10. BeBop Theater Collective, under the direction of SC2, presents the Tennessee Williams classic with a multicultural cast. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305-638-6771

Shooter Clinic

7-8 p.m. Fridays. Free clinic, charge for shotgun rental, trap rounds, shells, ear and eye protection. Ages 18 and older. Learn the sport of Trap shooting, including shotgun safety, game rules, field etiquette, and shooting techniques. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

SATURDAY, 6

Greynolds Park Owl Prowl

7:30 p.m. \$5. Also, May 12 & 20. Enter the darkness of Greynolds Park after sunset for a unique view of the many owls and other creatures that roam when the lights go out. Call 305-945-3425 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Evening Sky Viewings

8-11 p.m. Free. Saturdays. Look and learn with the Southern Astronomical Society and view the night sky through high-tech telescopes. Call 305-661-1375 for more information. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

Indian Key Canoe and Snorkel Tour

7 a.m.-7 p.m. \$45. Paddle over to the key which is the first government seat of Miami-Dade County, explore the island on foot and then explore the clear waters surrounding the Key. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Back Country Fishing Workshop at Castellow Hammock

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$15. Learn fishing techniques on how to choose the right bait and tackle, moon phases, and understand tides for fishing the shallow backcountry waters of South Florida for such popular fish as snook, redfish, tarpon, and sea trout. Call 305-242-7688 for reservations. Meet at the Castellow Hammock Park Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Miami.

Key Biscayne Bike Adventure

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental; \$20 with your own bike; \$15 children. Saturdays and Sundays. Come explore Key Biscayne as you bike along streets and scenic paths of this historic barrier island. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Geology Hike

2 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Have a *"rocking"* good time with Park Naturalists as they step back in time and explore the Deering Estate's ancient geological formations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Crandon Bear Cut Preserve Nature Walks

10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. \$2. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore a rare remnant of Miami's remaining maritime hammock, scrub, dunes and beach habitat and mangrove forest. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Matheson Hammock Biscayne Bay Tour

10 a.m. and 4 p.m. \$25; \$15 ages 7-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore mangrove forest-lined creeks and discover the secretive lives of the habitat's wildlife. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet the A.D. Barnes Park naturalist guides at Redfish Grill in Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Rd., Miami.

Cypress Swamp Tromp

8 a.m.-4 p.m. \$45 adults; \$20 ages 9-17. Park naturalist will take you on a hike exploring wet prairies, sloughs, and cypress swamps to view wildflowers, wading birds, colorful butterflies, and other wildlife that inhabits this watery wilderness. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Coral Gables Waterway Canoe Tour

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 7-14. Also, May 27. View a variety of wading birds and other wildlife on a guided canoe tour on the historic Coral Gables Waterway. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at the A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Avenue, Miami.

Crandon Heritage Tram Tours

10-11 a.m. Saturdays; 3-4 p.m. Sundays. \$2 adults; \$1 children. Take a tram ride through Crandon Park and the Bear Cut Preserve and learn about the Island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Arch Creek Nature Walks

10-11:30 a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305-944-6111, one day in advance, for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

Guided Historical Nature Walk

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305-945-3425 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Wheelchair Tennis Program

9-11 a.m. Free. Saturdays. Ages 12 and older. All skill levels. Call 305-755-7848 (v/tdd) for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami

Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 7-14. Saturdays. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

Firearm Safety

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Saturdays in the Park with Commissioner Javier Souto

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays. District 10 residents are invited to spend Saturday mornings with Commissioner Souto discussing concerns and issues. Call 305-375-4835 for locations.

Saturday Morning Camp: Drop-n-Shop

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children; \$11 three children. Saturdays. Parents can go shopping while their children are supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305-932-2164

NRA First Steps Course

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Kayak Rentals

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. 2 Person Kayaks: \$15 per hour. Snorkel rental daily for \$7. Rentals at North Beach Kayak Aquatic Concession, southeast of Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-6767.

Crandon Kayak & Snorkel Adventure

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. \$50; \$35 for Miami-Dade residents. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share the fragile and unique sanctuary of the Fossilized Reef. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Pelican Harbor Kayak and Snorkel Trip

2 p.m.-5 p.m. \$35, plus \$7 snorkel rental. Also, May 27; other date and time: Sunday, May 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Break away from it all by kayaking and snorkeling in the shallows around a series of small islands in North Biscayne Bay that provide viable habitats for coastal birds and marine life. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at Pelican Harbor Marina, 1275 NE 79 St., Miami Beach.

Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddleboats are \$6 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305-945-3425

SUNDAY, 7

Family Fun Day

1-3 p.m. \$5. Also, May 28. Bring the family for a fun-filled afternoon nature adventure, archaeological digs, pottery making and learn about plants and animals on a guided trail walk. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

Chicken Key Canoe Tour

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Also, May 21 & 28. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Matheson Hammock Bayshore Wading Tour

2-3 p.m. \$5. Also, May 21 & 28. Learn how important the tidal flats and mangrove-lined forests of the Bay are to the survival of many plants and animals that inhabit this area while on a naturalist-guided tour. Call 305-662-4124 for reservations. Meet in front of the Redfish Grill at Matheson Hammock Park & Marina, 9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami.

East Greynolds Oleta River Kayak Tour

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25. Also, May 28. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

MONDAY, 8

Magic City Monday: "Jazz Jams for Youth"

10:30-11:30 a.m. \$3. A musical performance by the Sunshine Jazz Orchestra. Call 305-636-2350 for reservations. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami

TUESDAY, 9

Yoga Classes

6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. \$60 six-week session, 5/9-6/14. Yoga taught by Marlene Shulman. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 242 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

WEDNESDAY, 10

Afternoon Tea at Fairchild

3 p.m. \$35. Enjoy tea in the Ballroom. Call 305-667-1651, ext. 3391 for reservations. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305-667-1651

Arch Creek Ghost Tours

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Also, May 24. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

FRIDAY, 12

Deering Estate Moonlight Canoe Tour

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Noches Tropicales

7 p.m. Free. Carlos and Marta will close the series celebrating the rich heritage of Hispanic music and dance with an evening of beautiful Boleros featuring traditional songs and current melodies. Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-755-7948

SATURDAY, 13

Festival Cubano

Thru Sunday. A celebration of Cuban Independence. Call 305-685-8389. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah

Flowering Tree Show and Sale

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thru Sunday. Presented by the Tropical Flowering Tree Society. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305-667-1651

The Misunderstood Mammal: The Bat!

7 p.m. \$5. Also, May 19 & 27. Learn about these fascinating creatures and discover why they are so beneficial to us. Call 305-948-2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

WHAF Horse Show

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-554-7334

Los Mustangs in Concert

8 p.m. \$56-\$35. Spanish rock group in concert. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305-547-5414, ext. 0

Calabash Visual Arts Festival

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Arts demonstrations by local artists, youth art competitions, a special photography exhibition, cultural vendors and other activities highlight the day-long, indoor-outdoor celebration of visual art in conjunction with the Oscar Thomas Memorial Exhibition. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305-638-6771

Bird Walk

7:30-10 a.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Learn about local and migrating birds at Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242.

Tai Chi Classes

10:30 a.m. \$60 six-week session, 5/13-6/17. Saturdays. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Biscayne Bay Flats Kayak Fishing

8 a.m.-1 p.m. \$45. Sharpen your fishing skills alongside a fishing kayak expert during this shallow water fishing expedition in Biscayne Bay. For more information call 305-242-7688. Meet in the parking lot at Homestead Bayfront Park, 9698 SW 328th St. Homestead.

SUNDAY, 14

Mother's Day Brunch at Deering

10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$54.95 adults; \$30 children. Treat Mom to a morning of elegance and delicious food catered by Macy's. Taste appetizing dishes, tour the grand houses and take in the scenery of the historic Estate. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 233 for required reservations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Black Point Sunset Canoe Tour

4-7 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Paddle out into Rainbow Cove to explore and encounter marine life and birds that inhabit the waters around the mangrove islands. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at the Pirate's Cove Restaurant, 24775 SW 87th Avenue, Miami.

Mother's Day Celebration at Gold Coast Museum

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission for mom; \$5 adults; \$3 children under 12. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy train rides, view historic railroad equipment, and our model train exhibit with a Thomas the Tank Engine play area. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-253-0063, www.goldcoast-railroad.org

Matheson Hammock Woodland Trail Tour

2-3 p.m. \$3. Explore the tropical hardwood hammock rich in sub tropical trees, shrubs, ferns and epiphytic plants (airplants) while on a naturalist-guided tour. For reservations call 305-662-4124. Meet in the nature trail parking lot located across from the picnic area on Old Cutler Road.

Camp Greynolds Campfire Program

5-9 p.m. \$15. Also, May 28. Begin the evening with a hike learning about medicinal and edible plants. Then take a canoe trip on the Oleta River to the campgrounds for storytelling, craft making and marshmallow roasting around the campfire. Call 305-945-3425 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

Mother's Day Wildflower Walk

9-11:30 a.m. \$15, plus Everglades National Park entrance fee of \$10 per vehicle. Naturalist will lead you on a walk through Long Pine Key where wildflowers abound this time a year in prairies, pinelands, and hammocks of the Everglades. For more information call 305-365-3018. Meet at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center bookstore. Everglades National Park, 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead

Sundays 'til Sundown

2 p.m.-sundown. Every second Sunday. Come relax, listen to live music and learn something new about nature. Call 305-365-3018 for more information. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Loxahatchee Arthur R. Marshall National Wildlife Refuge Van Tour

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$40 adults; \$20 ages 9-17. Spend a day exploring the northern Everglades, including a cypress swamp boardwalk and marsh trail explorations where wading birds, hawks, alligators and migrating waterfowl can be spotted. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Trip meets at the Greynolds Park Boathouse, 17530 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami Beach.

THURSDAY, 18

Visit a Living Museum: International Museum Day

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Half-price admission all day: \$3.50 adults; \$2.50 children. Celebrate International Museum Day with tours of the Richmond Cottage and Stone House as well as the vast natural areas. For more information call 305-235-1668, ext. 233. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

SATURDAY, 20

Bougainvillea Show and Sale

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thru Sunday. Sponsored by the American Bougainvillea Society. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305-667-1651

Post War Passenger Service in Florida

2:30 p.m. Free with paid admission: \$5 adults; \$3 children. A lecture presented by Ray Del Papa. Will take place in the air-conditioned ACL-254 Lounge Car at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-253-0063, www.goldcoast-railroad.org.

Butterfly Walk

2-3:30 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Explore the various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Heritage Horse Show

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-554-7334

2nd Annual Bird and Butterfly Gardening Festival

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$4. The entire family will enjoy this festival which will include garden tours, lectures, bird and butterfly attracting plant sales, a kids corner, and more. Call 305-242-7688 for more information. Castellow Hammock Park, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Miami

SUNDAY, 21

Greynolds Park 3rd Annual Love-In

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. \$6 per vehicle parking fee. A retro-event for the entire family with concert featuring the Guess Who, poetry reading, T-shirt tie dye, vintage Volkswagen Bug exhibits and more! Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305-945-3425

FRIDAY, 26

Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thru Sunday. Presented by the South Florida Cactus & Succulent Society. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305-667-1651

SATURDAY, 27

El Festival de la Salsa Dura

Call 305-685-8389 for details. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Architecture Tour

2-3:30 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Discover all the architectural features this historic park has to offer by exploring the magnificent Stone House and the picturesque Richmond Cottage. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242